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FAX MESSAGE

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Darwin , 23 May 1992

Dear Pak Goenawan,

I contact you at the suggestion of Herb Feith of Melbourne who informed me that I have just missed you in Australia.

You may recall that I visited you in early February in your Jakarta office and we spoke about our hopes for a peaceful solution to the East Timor problem, satisfactory to all.

As you are no doubt aware, Jose Ramos Horta the Special Representative of CNRM, the institution representing all East Timor nationalist forces, has recently presented a vision of how the peace proposal made by CNRM could unfold. After initial talks leading to the cessation of armed activities, a five year period of autonomous rule under Indonesian sovereignty would follow. This period could be extended further. Ultimately an act of self-determination may determine the preferences of the East Timorese.

This proposal has met with an enthusiastic reception already.

It will no doubt also be supported by many in Indonesia who are of the view that a solution along these lines holds great benefits for all sides.

The purpose of this fax is to ask your assistance, in line with our last conversation, to obtain a private meeting with Bp. Alex ... for Jose Ramos Horta or a representative so as to provide further clarification on this idea. Any location or date would be acceptable in principle.

I also take this opportunity to provide some background on the CNRM proposal which TEMPO readers may find of interest. J. Ramos Horta, who is in Europe at present, would be very pleased to expand further on these ideas through an interview.

Perhaps a TEMPO staff member may be interested to contact him, through phone Nº + 351 1 932 7770 ; fax + 351 1 534 009.

I thank you in advance for your assistance, and may contact you in Jakarta in early June.

Best regards,

Juan Federer

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